

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 109 - SB 367

February 16, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes, rather than requires an Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center (ASTC) to provide radiological services. The appropriate governing body over each ASTC must make this determination; however, if an ASTC does provide radiological services, it must appoint a qualified individual to ensure that radiological services are provided within all applicable law and rules.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities (Board) has governing authority over ASTCs.
- Current Board Rule 1200-8-10-.07(c)(1) states: *"The ASTC shall have a radiologist either full-time or part-time on a consulting basis, both to supervise and to discharge professional radiological services."*
- This legislation would effectively eliminate this Board rule through statute.
- This legislation gives the appropriate governing body of an ASTC the ability to remove the requirement to provide radiological services. If radiological services are provided, the body must appoint an individual who can assure such services are provided in accordance with applicable law and rules.
- There are currently 157 licensed ASTCs in the state. They are either stand-alone or attached to a hospital.
- It is undeterminable whether an individual governing body of any ASTC will decide to continue providing radiological services or discontinue such services.
- If a center no longer provides radiological services, it may no longer need a radiologist; however, total demand for radiological services will stay constant.
- This will not directly impact the number of licensed ASTCs by the Board.
- The Board can make any changes to its Board rules during regularly scheduled meetings without any additional cost.
- The Board collects fee revenue from various licensing programs. Any revenue it collects in excess of expenditures is remitted to the General Fund at fiscal year-end.
- The Board had net surpluses of \$599,456 in FY12-13 and \$386,355 in FY13-14.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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